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## BUGLE CALL TALON 6 Update March 2005



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### Thank You.

A huge THANKS to Helga Galloway and her band of carnival volunteers who all helped decorate for the G-A Fasching. The Longbow Lounge has never looked better.

A big THANK YOU to all who helped make all the recent Scouting events a huge success and who continue to support the Scouting program in Illesheim.

Another big THANKS to all the sponsors for the Warrant Officer farewell. CW5 Bill Goforth and company truly set the standard for social functions.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Housing Manager Rudi Leykauf for being selected as the Army small installation Housing Manager of the Year. Thanks for all you do for our Families. Way to go Rudi!

### Illesheim News.

Bad Windsheim hosted a New Year's Reception at the Kur und Kongress Centre on 15 Jan. Burgermeister Eckhardt gave a "state of the union" address for the city. The theme of the speech was the many improvements for the city, the highlight of which is the Thermal Baths and Wellness Center opening in Dec 2005. CPT Andrew Tapscott had the best job of the evening participating in a skit for the mayor.

All of Illesheim is saddened at the passing of Altburgermeister Heinrich Foerster, the father of the current Burgermeister. He was a tremendous friend to the Military community and a member of the legendary "Three Musketeers", three local mayors who made anything and everything happen for Storck Barracks. He will be greatly missed and our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

The Illesheim Ski Club conducted their annual ski trip to LaVila, Italy 14-17 Jan over MLK weekend. The weather and snow conditions were fabulous. The bus ride down was rough as usual. Only a few bumps and bruises but tons of stories.

The Regiment hosted the first G-A Fasching in years at the Longbow Lounge 5 Feb. Hundreds



of revelers joined in the fun celebrating the German Carnival season. Costumes ranged from the mild to the bizarre. Awesome food was provided by our



very own Housing Manager Rudi Leykauf. Helga Gallaway and her band of assistants did a fantastic job decorating! We were truly honored to have the Bad Windsheim Fasching group *Windshemia*



provide entertainment. This is a Las Vegas style show complete with world class costumes. The Group practices all year and we were all in awe of the magnificent performances from young to old. *Windshemia* president Herr Rudi Schmidt remarked that this was the best ever G-A Fasching. The



entertainment continued after the show with sounds of *Die Zwaa* who kept the crowd going until the wee hours. Truly a remarkable experience.

Just a few short hours later we regrouped at the Longbow Lounge to take in the premier sporting event of the year, the Superbowl. Chefs D & G whipped up a smorgasbord extraordinaire. With a kickoff time of 0030 hours local the place was packed with die-hard football fans. The Eagles fans outnumbered the Patriots fans but in the end the Patriots emerged victorious for their 3<sup>rd</sup> Superbowl victory in 4 years.



9 Feb marked the visit of BG EJ Sinclair, our Aviation branch chief and Commander of the Aviation Center and Fort Rucker. BG Sinclair and his team presented professional development sessions on the future of Army Aviation. CSM Buford Thomas, Aviation Branch CSM, addressed all the NCOs and updated us on professional development education for the NCO Corps. CW5 Brent Driggers, the Chief Warrant Officer of the Branch addressed all Warrant Officers and BG Sinclair spoke to all LTs and above. We then all gathered at the Longbow lounge for some well deserved Soldier recognition. Numerous Soldiers from 2-6, 6-6 and HHCR were awarded Commander's Coins by BG Sinclair for their outstanding performance. We even had the opportunity for BG Sinclair to promote Jerrod Nelson to CW4. We then all adjourned to the other side of the lounge for an informal Cav Call properly welcoming the Rucker Team to Germany with some of Bavaria's finest beverage.

On 11 Feb the Illesheim Elementary School recognized its honor role students with a ceremony awarding our outstanding achievers with Honor Roll, High Honor Roll and Principal's Honor Roll. Congratulations to all our Honor Roll Students. Don't forget to stop by AAFES with your B average or better report card to receive your free gift coupons.

Our DFAC hosted a Sweetheart Brunch on 13 Feb. What a great spread they put on. The Alaska King Crab legs were definitely the delicacy of choice. A great way to says thanks to our Valentines.

The Regiment hosted a National Prayer Breakfast on 23 Feb at the Longbow Lounge. Attendees were treated to a delicious breakfast and wonderful morning of fellowship. Our guest speaker was COL (Chaplain) Ron Hilburn the 98<sup>th</sup>



ASG Chaplain. His message of faith and commitment was truly pertinent in this time of war. Thanks to CPT (CH) Celeste Robb 6-6 CAV for pulling this all together.

On 25 Feb Burgermeister Foerster and our wonderful neighbors of Illesheim, Urfesheim, and Westheim hosted a German-American Appreciation Dinner at the festhalle in Westheim. Burgermeister Foerster gave a fabulous presentation on the history of Illesheim complete with a photo slide show. He outlined the history of the Illesheim Crest, the Church in the center of town, the Castle by the Aisch river, and the nobility of Illesheim. There was entertainment provided by the Illesheim Women's Choir and a local two-man band. The Burgermeister also made a special point to recognize LTC Mike Swanson and the Troopers of 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron as they prepare for their upcoming deployment. Burgermeister Foerster has owned only two hats in his life. Both of them have been presented to him by the Regiment. At the last dinner he sponsored we presented him a Stetson, this time we presented him a Regiment ballcap to keep the sun out of his eyes when he is on his tractor plowing his fields. All in all a great evening made better by our tremendous relationship with our host nation neighbors.

Scouting Update: On Saturday, 22 January the Cub Scouts had their annual Pinewood Derby. There were 33 Speed Machine cars made by the boys and 18 much slower rigs made by fathers. The racing was very competitive, the first place finishers by Den were: Hunter Hartway for the Tigers, Matthew Cavanaugh for the Wolves, Matthew Kelly for the Bears and Ray Osterman for Webelos. The overall champion was Hunter Hartway from the Tigers in an exciting race off among the first place finishers. All the boys, young and old, are looking forward to a rematch next year.



On Saturday, 12 February the Cub Scouts held their Blue and Gold Banquet at the Longbow Lounge. This is an annual event where all the boys

and their parents are invited to watch as each scout receives the rank they have been working on all year. During the banquet is the Father/Son bake-off where the boys (scouts and fathers) are in the kitchen making unique cakes. This year we had 21 cakes in the competition with original designs to include an X box with controller, a Boy Scout shirt, a volcano, a train and a couple of American Flags. Thanks to Amber Christensen who donated a beautiful cake with the 75th Scouting emblem and all the badges to the event for dessert, it was delicious.

The next big event will be Cross Over some time in May. This is where the scouts will cross over to the next higher den to start working and growing on their new badge.

A big CONGRATULATIONS goes out to John Swanson and Stephen Nelson for earning their Eagle Scout!

A racquetball tournament was held 12 MAR 05 at the Bunch PFC, Storck Barracks, Illesheim to help "Grow the Game" of racquetball. Heavy snow on the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup> did not keep 17 hard core racquetball players from showing up to compete. The tournament was an overall success with fierce competition and good sportsmanship by all. Although the gym only has one court, improvements are in the works for a bigger viewing window on the back wall, which would have helped during the tournament matches. Congratulations to the following winners and runner-ups in all categories:

Advanced	1 <sup>st</sup> - CW4 Joe Jasienowski (2-6 CAV)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Andre Chun (DEP)
Intermediate	1 <sup>st</sup> - Jason Wilson (421 MEDEVAC)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - SSG Rodney Ortiz (6-6 CAV)
Beginner	1 <sup>st</sup> - PVT Eric Leroy (6-6 CAV)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - SPC Sellers (7-159 <sup>th</sup> )

Much interest was generated for another tournament possibly in doubles. We will keep you posted. A Big Thanks to CW5 Dex Chun for making all this happen.

Copies of Bugle Call can now be accessed on-line at our Regiment website. So instead of sending a large file we will send a short note announcing the next edition. Visit the Regiment website at <http://www.11av.vcorps.army.mil>

**2-6 CAV.**

Our Troopers from 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron are now Task Force Sabre and are part of 12<sup>th</sup> Brigade and Task Force Griffin. The Task Force has deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom and is well underway of assuming all missions. Soldiers and families are glad this deployment is finally underway as both will be able to establish somewhat routine schedules. Between CMTC exercises and Aerial Gunnery at Graf, the Squadron has been extremely busy. Combat skills have been honed during several exercises and flight battle drills. Every crew is prepared and each piece of equipment is ready. Your Troopers are trained and ready for their upcoming combat mission. The true highlight of the past couple of months has been the FRG Offsite at Garmisch's new Edelweiss resort 20-23 Jan. ACS presented several pre-deployment classes and the DCG, MG Wojdakowski and his wife Candy were guest instructors. A great time to break away for some quality family time and build the FRG Team.

### **6-6 CAV**

6<sup>th</sup> Squadron has been extremely busy since the holidays spending lots of time at Graf and CMTC. Crews were given the holidays to study and jumped right into the LCT Challenge Competition. Mid-Jan brought DES and Maneuvering flight training. This was the first time some of your steely-eyed killers have got a little queezy in the cockpit. We were really able to explore the flight envelop of our trusty mounts.

Next the Squadron rolled into Combat Lifesaver training where fun was had giving each other IVs. This was followed by an Aviation Resource Management Survey. This inspection looked at several areas of the Squadron to ensure procedures and paperwork were accurate. A Troop rolled out to CMTC and has been supporting a 1AD rotation for several weeks. Knocking down the flight time and cementing the stellar reputation of the Apache.

We had a tremendous opportunity to promote Tom Higgins on 26 Jan while he was TDY at Fort Rucker. Aviation Center CG and Branch Chief, BG Sinclair performed the honors and promoted Tom to CW3 in the Army Aviation Museum. Unfortunately Gloria and the rest of the family couldn't make it, but it was quite an honor.

6-6 CAV began Aerial Gunnery the beginning of March and will continue through April. Priority was to the deploying crews of 2-6 CAV. A short break to spend time with the families during Spring Break then back to the range.



The SixShooters conducted the first ever combined Gunnery with our German partnership unit out of Roth. Apaches shooting rockets and 30mm right along side German BO-105s firing HOT Missiles. What a tremendous sight. The



Squadron renewed its Partnership and friendship with 1-261<sup>st</sup> AHR out of Roth, Germany during the Regiment Formal in December. Since then, the 1-261<sup>st</sup> has visited Storck Barracks and received an orientation of the LCT. Along with the help of CW3(P) Carl Schoenwald's instruction, each pilot was able to fly the LCT. After several visits to the newly unit-adopted Mill restaurant in Neustadt, we decided to conduct a joint live fire during Aerial Gunnery at Grafenwoehr Training Area. Range 301 was the place. The date was set for 23 March 2005. Two years to the date that 6-6 Cavalry was flying the lead Attack into Iraq against the Medina Division. The weather was not cooperating all day



long. With 45 minutes to range down-time, the weather finally broke. A Team of two BO-105Ps moved to and occupied ABF 32 and Assassin 29 arrived into ABF 12. Iron 6, the simulated ground commander, was in contact with enemy insurgents and needed air support. Lucky for him, the air support was there with an AH-64D and BO-105P. Within seconds, the insurgents were destroyed by HOT Missiles and 2.75 Rockets and 30 MM. CPT Schramm 1-261<sup>st</sup> had envisioned this event since the arrival of the Apaches in Germany in the late 80's. Due to several deployments, the dream seemed to hard to accomplish. As displayed in the photo below, CPT Schramm and his Squadron



Commander had just completed the first ever joint Aerial Gunnery between American units and German units.

The continuous CMTC rotations began with



A Troop Assassins, followed by B Troop Paleriders and now C Troop Lighthorse is in the Box. 1 AD is extremely pleased with the attack support we are providing. Great job by all who have finished up their rotations. 6<sup>th</sup> Squadron is scheduled to provide

Attack Helicopters for every single CMTC rotation for both 1 ID and 1 AD. As the only attack unit in theater for the next year the SixShooters will be busy!

The Squadron bid farewell to an entire platoon of people and equipment that deployed with Task Force Sabre to OEF. A fitting ceremony was held at Colmberg castle farewelling their brothers-in-arms as they venture into harm's way.

## HHCR

The past couple of months have been a whirlwind for the soldiers of HHCR. The unit is deeply involved with the turn-in of equipment in preparation of the headquarters inactivation. Every shop and section has pulled together to complete the numerous missions. No matter what section you work in, everyone is augmenting the motorpool to ensure we complete our tasks. In the midst of all the work, your soldiers are still assisting 2-6 CAV in their deployment.

HHCR had a huge turn out at the Fasching party. We had a great time working hard and playing hard. The family ice skating trip was a lot of fun, but we found out that as you get older you forget how to skate. You also experience many more pains than you remember as a child. Thank goodness we are in Germany where you can nurse your ailments with a beer!

HHCR spent the first couple of weeks of March out at the Resort and Health Spa of Grafenwoehr. During the V Corps exercise Victory Focus we honed our TOC and Battle Staff skills.

## Soldier News

We bid farewell to a tremendous friend of the Regiment, our DCG, MG Wojdakowski and his lovely wife Candy. They move over to the DCG job at USAREUR. They have been our staunchest supporters in Heidelberg and will be sorely missed. Best wishes to the Wojdakowskis as they continue their Army Adventure.

On 2 Mar LTG Sanchez visited Illesheim and presented his views on Combat Leadership to the deploying leaders of TF 2-6. While here, he took the opportunity to promote SSG Timothy Paton D/6-6. SSG Paton and his lovely wife Barbara were thrilled at the opportunity. Not everyday you get promoted by a 3-star General!

Welcome aboard to CSM Luis Baez and his lovely wife Christina. They join us from 12<sup>th</sup> Brigade in Giebelstadt. In a stirring ceremony SGM Rick Parsons passed the 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment Saber of Responsibility to CSM Baez. SGM Parsons and



his wonderful wife Trish remain with us in the Regiment until they PCS this summer. Thanks to Team Parsons for all they have done and continue to do for the Regiment. Team Baez, hold on tight and enjoy the ride! You are already making a difference in our community.

Congratulations to our Soldiers who were recognized over their peers for their outstanding duty performance.

2-6 CAV NCO of the Month **SGT Charles Thorton**  
6-6 CAV Soldier of the Month **SPC Mahyar Hodiwala**

Congratulations on a job Well Done!

Congratulations to the following Soldiers for being recognized by the BG Sinclair during his visit:

2-6 CAV

SPC Joshua Latimer

SGT Jose Sanchez

6-6 CAV

CW4 Alan Gollmyer

CW3 Jeff Crownover

SSG Christiaan Johnson

SGT Paul Skrable

PFC Cesar Marruffo

SPC Joe McCann

SSG Richard Donnelly

CW3 Carl Schoenwald

CW3 Bill Smith

SGT Del Kraft

SPCP Louise Smith

PFC Blake Skinner

Congratulations to the following Soldiers for being recognized as Talon Warriors of the day during the recent CPX VICTORY FOCUS:

PFC Richard White

1LT Matthew Eckerman

1LT Koelling

SGT Shultz

SPC Chauncey Garrison

1LT Douglas Lindsay

SFC Meale

PFC Calahan McAlister

PV2 Joshua Collins

For their outstanding achievement these Soldiers were awarded a Commander's Coin.

AAMs were awarded to our reservists from Tennessee for their tremendous support.

SGT Brandon Mendenhall

SSG Jim Manis

CPT Ray Myers

CPT Greg Arnold

PV2 Joshua Collins was also awarded an AAM for Hero of the exercise.

CPT Carrie Bruhl was presented a Commander's Coin by LTG Sanchez for her outstanding performance as TOC Battle Captain.

Congratulations to all on a job Well Done!

We held a retirement ceremony 10 Feb honoring a great Soldier, SFC Clayton Leiwalo. Sergeant Lew gave a stirring speech recognizing all the super Soldiers who have made his job as a leader easier. Thanks for your 30 years of service and best wishes to you and Anita as you transition to life after the Army.

26 Feb marked the retirement/farewell celebration for CW5 Bill Goforth, CW4 Mark Cavanaugh, CW4 Bob Duffney, CW4 Carl Soliday, CW4 Ricky Schrock, CW4 Ed Bass, CW2 John Ivey and CW2 Mike Tomblin. The Longbow Lounge was hopping as scores of Soldiers and spouses packed the club to bid farewell to these Great Americans! The food, beverages, camaraderie and especially the entertainment was awesome! We all marveled at Carl's ability, or lack thereof, to tap a German keg of beer. Well the lounge needed a new paint job anyway. Thanks to you all for your tremendous service to our Nation.

On 17 Mar we held the retirement ceremony for CW5 Bill Goforth and CW4 Mark Cavanaugh honoring their 26 years and 20 years of service respectively. Unfortunately, Bill's wife Michelle is the ADVON back in the States setting up their retirement home. Mark's wife Darlene did add a touch of class to the ceremony. Thanks for being Great Americans and Proudly serving your Country. You will be sorely missed by all of us in uniform. Best wishes on your next adventure.

Congratulations to HHT/2-6 CAV and B/2-6 CAV on their Bronze awards for CFC contributions presented at Patrick Henry Village 28 Jan. Congrats on a job Well Done!

Reenlistments:

SPC Tanika Fair HHCR reenlisted for Fort Sam Houston, TX.

SGT Paul Mathis HHT/6-6 reenlisted for 6 years and a bonus.

SGT Andrew Haddock HHT/6-6 reenlisted for 4 years with a 2 year IPCOT.

SGT Joshua Haddock, A/6-6 Reenlisted 24 Jan for current station stabilization and received a bonus

SSG Arnel Almogela, D/6-6 Reenlisted 30 Dec 2 for assignment to Ft Eustis and received a bonus.

SGT Robert McCray, HHT/6-6 Reenlisted 20 Jan to PCS to CONUS.

SGT Luther Caldwell B/6-6 Reenlisted for 4 years, to continue serving his Country

SGT John Carson D/6-6 reenlisted on 17 Mar for 2 years to join the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav at Fort Hood.

SSG Timothy Paton D/6-6 reenlisted on 25 Feb for 4 years to continue serving his Country

SPC Anthony Truffa D/6-6 reenlisted on 25 Feb for 4 years to continue serving his country in Illesheim.

SFC Dennis Wilson D/6-6 reenlisted on 7 Mar for indefinite service.

SSG John Deikun HHT/6-6 reenlisted on 17 Mar for indefinite service.

Congratulations to those making the commitment to continue their military career. Thanks for your continued service.

Congratulations to the following Troopers on their recent promotions:

#### HHCR

SSG Guillermina Lucero

SGT Alein Lopez

SPC Jessica Spencer

SPC Joseph Jaubert

#### 2-6 CAV

CPT Nathanael Patton

1LT Howard Lim

SPC Wesley Lane

CW2 Nathan Barber

SPC Matthew Weaver

SPC Timothy Jacobitz

SPC Jacob Waguespack

PFC Richard Evans

SPC Joshua Latimer

SPC William Phillips

SSG Michael Corbin

Congratulations to SPC Jessica Russo on being selected for the Warrant Officer Candidate Course.

#### 6-6 CAV

CW4 Jerrod Nelson

SSG Nathan Whitman

SGT Daniel Mohr

SGT Nathan Seabaugh

SGT Everal Allen

SGT Lawrence Daily

SPC Nicholas Oliver

SPC Jody Smith

SPC Heather Hammerstrom

PFC Alan Hurd

PFC Waylon Kepa

PFC Jonathon Martinez

PFC Daniel Pettigrew

PFC Bobby Brawley

PFC Maria Dominguez

PFC Antonio Bairagan

PFC Matthew Shelton

PFC Carlos Agurre

SPC Duwayne Johnson

#### New Troopers

SGT Ramon and Kasey Donoho welcomed their first child **Alyce Lanell** on 10 Jan 05.

SPC Ryan and Vanessa Cimbaljevich HHCR welcomed **Glenna Mae** on 12 Feb.

PFC Russell and Micah Bingham D/2-6 welcomed **Abigail Micala** on 27 Jan 05.

CPT Chris and Erin Lammie welcomed their second child **Audrie Lucile** on 22 Feb 05.

CW4 Carl and Susan Solida welcomed **Rebecca Lynn** on 27 Jan 05.

CPT Nate and Jessica Schmidt welcomed **Julia Mary** on 23 Mar 05.

#### Upcoming Events

27 Mar Easter Sunday

1-3 Apr ISCC Bazaar

9 Apr USAREUR Rugby Tournament Illesheim

9 Apr Ansbach High School JROTC Ball

12 Apr Soldier/NCO of the Year Board

15 Apr TAX DEADLINE

16 Apr Community Garage Sale

19 Apr Free Movie "Patriot"

21-24 Apr Scout Jamboree in Normandy

28 Apr "Morality in War" trip by Chaplains

29 Apr 4<sup>th</sup> Bde 1ID Welcome Home Ceremony

16 May 1 ID Welcome Home Ceremony

27-30 May Memorial Day Weekend

6 Jun Free Movie "The Longest Day"

9 Jun 11<sup>th</sup> AHR Inactivation Ceremony

10 Jun High School Graduation

11 Jun Bavaria 7s Rugby Tournament Illesheim

17 Jun DoDDS Summer Break Begins

As we continue our Global War on Terrorism, please keep our Service Members deployed in harm's way in your thoughts and prayers.

I thank each and every one of you for your sacrifice and commitment. Through your support we are able to better accomplish our mission.

**God Bless America!**

**STRIKE DEEP!**

Thanks,  
George

Illesheim is **OUR** community. I welcome any suggestions for improvement. Working together **WE** will make our community a great place to live.

